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Docket No. AM5782

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

ANISUL KHAN et al

Serial No.: 09/957,395

Filed: September 19, 2001

For: A METHOD OF FORMING OPTICAL

WAVEGUIDES IN A SEMICONDUCTOR

SUBSTRATE

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION AND PETITION

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In a Notice of Omitted Items in a Nonprovisional application dated November 6, 2001, the Patent Office stated that it appeared Figs. 2A-2E were described in the specification, but were not submitted.

In fact, the statement on page 3 lines 12-13 of the specification is in error. Fig. 2 was submitted with the specification, which illustrates a silicon-based waveguide of the invention, as explained on page 4 line 18 to page 5 line 6, wherein it is explained that Fig. 2 is directed to a waveguide per se, and that the steps for making the waveguide are shown in Figs. 3a to 3f. A Preliminary Amendment is attached hereto making

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this correction.

Thus in fact all of the Figures were submitted in conformity with the specification on pages 4-5. The error of the text on page 3 is hereby corrected.

Applicants petition that the amended page 3 be entered, thereby acknowledging that the Patent Office has received all of the Figures of the Drawing.

This response and Preliminary Amendment are submitted within two months of the date of this Notice.

Any Petition fee required is to be charged to Deposit

Account 13-4542. A duplicate of this paper is also submitted for charging purposes.

Thus entry of the Preliminary Amendment and this response are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- o Figure(s) 2A-2E described in the specification.
- I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.
- II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.
- III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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